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STAFF OFFICER sets an all-age track record of 1:53.1 at Foxboro Park, racing for \$25,000. the largest purse ever offered for an overnight race in New England harness racing history. Owned by Free Le Pine Stable & Ira Levine, the six year old gelding cut the mile for George Brennan, holding off Walter Case Jr. and Eicarl's El Diablo.

MANY RECORDS BROKEN AT FOXBORO "SUMMER SIZZLE"

If there were ever any doubts that Foxboro Park's "Super Summer Sizzle" would produce the best harness racing New England has ever seen, all doubts were erased in reviewing the stats, revealing that track records were broken on a daily basis during that time period!

From the first weekend of the Sizzle, when Staff Officer cut the mile in the \$25,000 Free For All Pace in 1:53 for an all age track record, to August 1st when aged trotter, HI I Q went in 1:58.1 in the \$10,000 Invitational Handicap track records were rewritten more times than Bill Clinton's Health Plan.

The record-breaking parade started in the \$7,000. Conditional Pace on July 10th, when

Tom Dillon & Walter Hight's, Postcard Jack, guided by Dude Goodblood, set a "ntr" for four year old geldings in 1:55.3. The very next day Mountain Top Farm's, Harrietta Hanover paced away from her competition in 1:55, setting a "ntr" and giving Dude Goodblood his fastest career victory.

On July 18th Carl Greggs, Eicarl, linked up with stablemate Eicarl's El Diabolo, both trained by Leonard LeBlanc, for a "ntr" and a sizzling mile in 1:53.4. Another "ntr" occurred when Front Row Stables, four year old gelding, Charles E, trained by Bobby Stevenson paced in 1:54.4 for driver, Mike Stevenson. That same week there was also a two year old

"ntr" set by Judith Anderson's, Novia Hanover trained by Dana Childs Jr. and driven by Kim Ireland in 1:58.1 in the Ingenue Pace for fillies.

On July 24th the Ferinde and McDermott owned, Cindy's Tootsie set a "ntr" for aged pacing mares, taking a full second off the existing record and pacing a mile in 1:54 for Mark Kesmodel. That same week, Foster Ray's Jericho set a "ntr" for aged trotting geldings, driven to a commanding lead in 1:59.1 by Marc Mosher.

Herman Mims, Hi I Q, was probably the most impressive aged trotter of the summer meet. On August 31st, in the \$10,000. Invitational Trot driven by Mickey Bridges, he

broke his own record, trotting to a "ntr" in 1:58.1. It was his eighth win in ten starts. This was also the week of the largest claim in Foxboro history, when Ray Schnitker took over on Lipka & Gulotta's, Lawful Hanover in the \$40,000. Claiming Handicap.

Walter Case Jr. who nailed down 25 victories in 95 Foxboro starts this season, added another on Monday, winning with Alroy Chow's, Night Watch, for a "ntr" in 1:56.4. In the race previous, he equaled the gelding track record with Time & Pace Stables, Walton's Tri Star in 1:54.4. He finish his hat trick in the ninth with Time & Pace Stables, Jim's Trusty Guy, trained by Jerry Smith, also in 1:56.4.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

BY JOE HARTMANN

- Aug. 2 - Maine Harness Race Commission meets in Augusta
- Aug. 2 - \$625,000. Peter Haughton Memorial Trot - 2 yr. olds - The Meadowlands
- Aug. 3 - Maine Breeders Stakes - all 2yr old divisions - Skowhegan Fair
- Aug. 3 - \$380,000. Merrie Annabelle - 2yr old filly pacers - The Meadowlands
- Aug. 5 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 3yr old trot & 3yr old filly pace - Skowhegan
- Aug. 6 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 3yr old colt pace - Skowhegan Fair
- Aug. 6 - \$15,000. Mass Sire Stakes - 3yr old trotters - Foxboro Park
- Aug. 6 - \$1.2million Cadillac Hambletonian - The Meadowlands
- Aug. 6 - \$5,000. Dating Game - 1st leg - Foxboro Park
- Aug. 8 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 2yr old colt pace - Topsham Fair
- Aug. 9 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 2yr old trot & 2yr filly pace - Topsham
- Aug. 11 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 3yr old trot & 3yr old filly pace - No. Me. Fair
- Aug. 12 - \$747,000. Woodrow Wilson - 2yr old pace - The Meadowlands
- Aug. 12 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 3yr old colt pace - No. Me. Fair
- Aug. 13 - \$5,000. Dating Game - 2nd leg - Foxboro Park

- Aug. 17 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 2yr old filly & colt pace - Scarborough
- Aug. 19 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 2yr old trot - Scarborough Downs
- Aug. 20 - \$10,000. Dating Game Final - Foxboro Park
- Aug. 21 - Garden State Summer Mixed Sale - The Meadowlands paddock
- Aug. 24 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 2yr filly & colt pace - Scarborough
- Aug. 25 - New Hampshire/Vermont Trot Series (2 days) - Plymouth Fair
- Aug. 26 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 2 & 3yr old trotters - Scarborough
- Aug. 27 - Antique Classic Drivers "The Old-Timers" - Plymouth Fair
- Aug. 27 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 3yr old filly & colt pace - Scarborough
- Aug. 27 - \$6,000. Mass Sire Stakes - Aged mare pace - Foxboro Park
- Aug. 27 - \$400,000. Cane Pace - Yonkers Raceway
- Aug. 28 - The Quadathlon - 4 Event - Plymouth Fair
- Aug. 29 - Blooded Horse Mixed Sale - Delaware, Ohio
- Aug. 30 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 2yr old colt pace - Windsor Fair
- Aug. 31 - Maine Breeders Stakes - 2yr old trot & 2yr old filly pace - Windsor

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Obituaries

OWEN W. BUTLER

Owen William Butler, 63, died July 13th at his home in Bangor, Maine. He was born in Houlton, grew up and attended schools there. He was employed by the City of Bangor, as Director of Marketing and Promotions at Bass Park, for many years. He retired in 1993 with over thirty years in harness racing, after being diagnosed with cancer. Recently Bangor Raceway management sponsored a race in his behalf. He will be fondly remembered by the racing community. Surviving are his wife, Joyce of Bangor; six children, Wayne, Shona, Steven, William, Douglas and Angela; a brother, Kenneth; three sisters, Joan, Carol and Virginia. Burial will be in Bangor.

GERALD A. NYE

Gerald (Jerry) Nye, 52, died July 19th at a Bangor hospital. He was born in Houlton lived most of his life in the Bangor area, owning and operating a Shell Oil station here for many years. During the 60's he was a Top Performer for Shell Oil. A member of the BPOE of Bangor and the FOE of Brewer, Nye will also be remembered as a USTA and MHHA member being associated with harness racing for over 21 years. Surviving are his wife, Linda; four sons, Brett, Lance, Derrick and Shawn; two step-children, Kimberly and Daniel; one brother, Ronald. Interment will be in Orrington.

THOMAS R. LYNCH

Thomas (Bob) Lynch, 70, of Sharon, died July 25th after a long illness. Lynch was born in Abington, attended the local schools and later Holy Cross. He joined the Navy at nineteen years of age, serving in the Aleutians during World War II. After returning from the service in 1945, he completed his education at Bryant Stratton College and went to work in the office at Worcester State College. In conjunction with this, he served as Paddock Judge at Foxboro and then the Suffolk harness meet in the early 50's. He was also inspector of licenses for the State Racing Commission, and later their Executive Secretary, where he served for 30 years before retiring in 1980. His wife, Helene, died a few years ago. He is survived by children; Tom of Canton, Michael of Old Orchard Beach and Mary, William, John and Kathleen all of Sharon. A brother, James M. Lynch, former General Manager of Foxboro Raceway, and another brother, William J. Lynch of Reddington Beach, Fl. Donations in his memory may be sent to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 101, Norwood, Mass. 02062

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Jean,

Back in November of 1991 a group of harness enthusiasts got together and purchased a rare harness collection at auction. Since that time this collection has been stored away and not really utilized to the extent anticipated. This collection should be catalogued and computerized, so others can enjoy seeing this rare look at harness racing history. This will be the first step toward preserving the collection. Hopefully others will contribute, eventually making this something of which we can all be proud. In the meantime there is a lot of work to be done. There is a total of 100 scrapbooks containing priceless programs and pictures, giving a very comprehensive look at harness racing in Maine in the 1920's, 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's. Help will be needed in doing this work, plus many of the pictures need to be identified. Also, the recent investors in the collection need to be located as their names have been lost. If anyone can help with any of this it would be greatly appreciated. It should be set up for all to enjoy...the sooner the better. I can be contacted at 603-279-5884 if you have information that would be helpful.

Jean Bryar, Director Maine Harness Horsemen's Association

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It's 20 Years For Maine Stakes!

BY JEAN EMERSON

The year was 1973...Ken Curtis was in the Blaine House, and Ival "Bud" Cianchette was Chairman of the Maine Harness Racing Commission. Directors serving with him were John Weston and Earl Johnstone. Cianchette, the mentor of Chinbro Corporation, a national builder of bridges, was quick to realize that other states, namely New York, New Jersey and Ohio, were subsidizing their breeding programs through a feed-back of monies generated by parimutuel betting. Anticipating what this could do for Maine, he set the wheels in motion to foster the development.

In 1974, the racing community banded together to support the Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes. Breeders petitioned the State for financial support of this grass-roots program, lobbying intensively along the way. The 108th Legislature finally agreed to support the program, allowing 1.5% of the total exotic wager to be allocated for the support of juvenile harness racing. The first program initiated in 1974, was raced for \$88,000, with monies derived from the handle, plus some creative financing by the Racing Commission. Eventually, as daily doubles and quinellas quickly grew to include exactas, perfectas and the very popular trifecta, these multiple forms of betting helped to increase the total parimutuel handle, and in turn have greatly increased the Stakes money.

Originally, eligible foals could be by a Maine based stallion, or by an outside stallion, provided that the entrant was 50% Maine-owned. A few of the early participants that come to mind are Yankee Begone, Farmer Lobell and Persuadable, with the only Maine-bred winner being Sandybrook Val. Many of the early performers did, however, go on to later become productive Maine stallions and broodmares, enriching the program.

In 1975 stallion registrations were mandated, with a fee of \$25 collected from each. Beginning with the foals of 1976, eligibility restrictions were added. An "outside" division was retained, but the colt needed a Maine-owned dam to be eligible. This encouraged Maine horsemen to buy broodmares.

In 1977 the Maine Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association was formed to nurture

and shepherd the youthful juvenile stakes program through its progress to the present day. They also supervise the promotion of the Stakes program through 5% of the total monies allocated for the series each year.

Beginning with the foals of 1979, all eligibles were sired by registered Maine stallions. It was felt at the time that the program had grown enough to sustain "Maine-only" Stakes. There was then concern over the number of horses entering the program, so in 1980 a nomination category was adopted. This would give the leadership an idea of how many horses to expect as two year olds and would allow for better planning.

In 1984 another rule change was requested, levying late fees, to allow better control of the various payments. All payments and late fees are paid into the Sire Stakes Fund and then distributed into the purses.

In 1985, a rule change was adopted changing the top eight money winners in each division, to the top eight "point-earners" for the Finals held in mid-October.

The quality of local stock has been upgraded considerably with rules and regulations becoming more stringent each year. Since the inception of the program Maine-breds have regularly enriched the local overnights and invitationals. Some of these have gone on to race commendably at top tracks throughout the nation and compile considerable earnings.

In retrospect, how have we fared with this youthful program over the past twenty years? Is it worthwhile? Without a doubt, Maine has gotten their "moneysworth" from the Breeders Stakes. While racehorses occupy stables and training tracks, breeders buy farms and cultivate pasture land. They erect barns and demand the services of veterinarians. The ripple effect continues and by the time a colt steps onto the track more than \$5,000, and three years have been invested in his future. Breeders are the unseen support of the entire racing industry. A successful stakes program encourages continued breeding and increases the value of horses now being raised. There is a symbiotic relationship between racing and breeding, one can not exist without the other.

1974 to 1994, twenty years of progress!



The 20 year Stakes celebration included early supporters; Gary Reed, Sponsor of the first stakes bill, Phil Andrews & Bill Haines of Fryeburg Fair and Don Richards of Cumberland Raceway, who has trained many Stakes colts & fillies.

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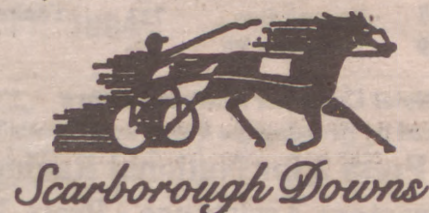
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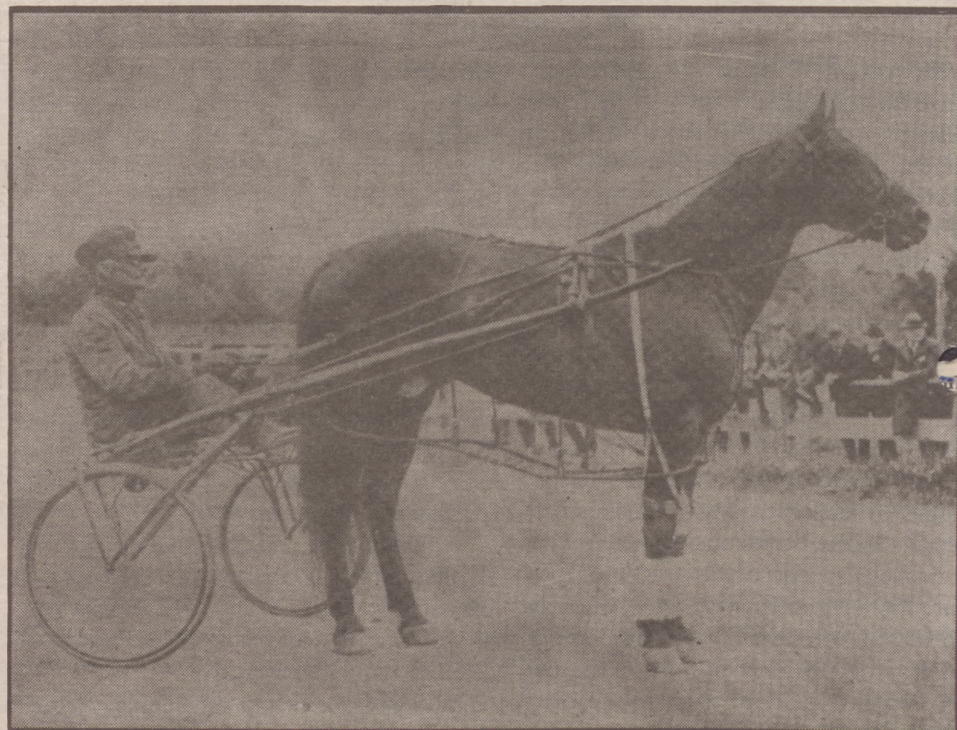
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Ode To John R. Braden

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The Maine folk are a game folk, and the losers wear a smile,
At Houlton, too, and Caribou, and the town that's called Presque Isle,
The Grattan tribe's a game tribe, and speedy too, as well,
But when they beat "that Braden hoss" they have to step like H---!

The Bidwell horse is game too, but Braden's more than game,
Four times he beat "The Colonel", and then another came.
Canadian-bred Roy Grattan, he did his level best,
The Caribous they came in crews, to watch him stand the test.

Then Houlton sent in for Jackson, and the Grattan stallion came,
Fresh from Grand Circuit laurels, to try a harder game,
Five times the three Kings battled, and on the final score,
The Braden hoss was at the top, and looked around for more.

Race on Most Gallant Braden, Presque Isle, right well may sing,
Your praises at her banquets, for you're indeed a king,
Tough Roy sometimes did head you, and Jackson tried his best,
Your shield was never tarnished, your batting score was best.

Here's to you, John R. Braden, you're all horse, every inch,
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1994

RACE 1	PACE	1 AnitaHorn	1	2	2	1 ^o	1	17	31 ³ 2:03 ¹	*.10	D. Richards
1 MILE	MSBS2YRF	2 SomersetPuppet	2	1	1	2	2	27	31 ⁴ 2:03 ³	5.50	K. Switzer
PURSE \$4833		4 PotatoWithAnE	4	4	4	4	4	317	33 ² 2:05 ³	37.90	S. Mancine
		3 FlyingMoney	3	3	3	3 ^o	3	414 ¹	34 2:06	8.60	S. Thayer
		6 Lydia	6	5	5	5	5	576 ¹	34 ³ 2:08 ²	46.50	D. Gray
		5 Cindibret	5x	x6	6x	6	6	653	2:15 ⁴	13.70	G. Mosher

RACE 5	PACE	5 Sassy'nProud	4	1x ^o	5	3 ^o	3	1 ¹	30 ³ 2:05 ³	*.80	W. Case Jr
1 MILE	MSBS2YRF	3 MudderRudder	2	31	2	2 ^o	2	2 ¹	31 2:05 ³	3.30	J. Davidson
PURSE \$4834		1 R-Acheybreakyheart	1	21	1	1	1	34	31 ⁴ 2:06 ²	1.70	P. Battis
		6 Jan'sTootsie	5	41 ^o	3	4	4	491 ¹	32 ¹ 2:07 ²	19.80	K. Switzer
		4 SkipTheDessert	3	51	4	5	5	516 ¹	33 ¹ 2:08 ⁴	22.90	S. Mancine
		2 Gramps Lil Bridget--Scratched									

RACE 7	PACE	1 RaceMeHotShot	1	1	1	1	1	16 ¹	30 ² 2:00 ¹	*.80	K. Switzer
1 MILE	MSBS2YRC&G5	5 PineRiverBilly	5	2	2	2	2	26 ¹	31 ² 2:01 ²	1.00	J. Nason
PURSE \$5120		3 MowersMalady	3	3	3	3	3	317	31 ⁴ 2:02 ³	12.60	W. La Freniere Jr
		6 Abby'sBoy	6	7	6 ^o	5 ^o	5	476	32 2:05 ²	40.80	J. Davis
		4 LindonsRockn-Hoss	4	6	5	6	6	577	32 ¹ 2:05 ³	85.30	D. Gray
		2 Breezer	2	4	4	4	4	637	34 ¹ 2:06 ³	17.40	W. Case Jr
		7 Kokopelli	7	8 ^o	8 ^o	7 ^o	7	737 ¹	33 2:06 ³	36.30	G. Mosher
		8 NJ'sLordPercy	8	5 ^o	7	8	8	852 ²	2:10 ³	85.30	J. Watson

RACE 9	PACE	6 Atom'sSurprise	5	31 ^o	1 ^o	1	1	118	30 ¹ 2:00 ³	*.20	L. Fitch
1 MILE	MSBS2YRC&G4	3 RaceMeG-Man	3	2 ^o	4	3	3	218	32 ³ 2:04 ¹	7.60	K. Switzer
PURSE \$4919		7 R-Ace	6	5	3 ^o	2	2	321 ¹	33 ³ 2:04 ⁴	6.20	W. Case Jr
		1 RockOnElvis	1	41	5	5 ^o	5	428 ¹	33 ² 2:06 ¹	13.90	S. Gray
		5 Watapili	4	1	2	4	4	537 ¹	35 ² 2:08	26.80	J. Nason
		3 RaceAlongSilver	x2	x6	6	6	6	638 ¹	34 ⁴ 2:08 ¹	21.50	P. Battis
		2 Penney's Flash--Scratched									

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1994

RACE 5	PACE	2 MyBillCheryl	2	1	1	1	1	14	31 ¹ 2:03 ¹	*.90	S. Branagan
1 MILE	MSBS3YRF	7 Rondandy	6	2 ^o	3	3	3	24 ⁴ dh	31 ⁴ 2:04	11.40	J. Nason
PURSE \$5180		3 Athena'sJoy	3	5	5	5	5	24 ⁴ dh	31 ² 2:04	12.20	V. Grondin
		4 MyBillVal	4	x4	4 ^o	2	2	44 ¹	31 ² 2:04	1.00	K. Switzer
		6 PiddlePill	51	3	2 ^o	2 ^o	4	54 ¹	31 ⁴ 2:04	20.80	L. Fitch
		1 ComeAlongVelvet	x1	6	x6x	6	6	650	2:13 ¹	47.70	M. Graffam
		5 My Speedy Lady--Scratched									

RACE 11	PACE	2 Gracia	2	1	1	1	1	1 ^{ns}	30 ² 2:03	*1.10	J. Mosher
1 MILE	MSBS3YRF	6 Jo'sLuck	6	2	2	2 ^o	2	2 ^{ns}	30 ¹ 2:03	2.50	J. Davidson
PURSE \$5375		4 Don'tTellEd	4	5	4 ^o	3 ^o	3	34	30 ² 2:03 ⁴	1.90	L. Fitch
		1 GrammarGirl	1	3	5	4	4	49 ¹	31 ¹ 2:04 ⁴	38.10	D. Watson
		7 MyBillMB	x7	7	6 ^o	5 ^o	5	514	31 ⁴ 2:05 ⁴	26.30	C. Long
		8 MeredithAnne	8	6	17	7 ^o	7	616 ¹	32 2:06	73.60	S. Mackenzie
		5 Boy'sToy	5	4	3 ^o	6	6	772 ¹	33 ² 2:07 ³	30.60	D. Nye
		3 Greensleeves	3x	8	8	8	8	831	33 2:09 ¹	57.60	G. Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1994

RACE 3	TROT	1 CmCheval	1	2	2	1 ^o	1	11	32 2:08 ¹	*.50	W. Case Jr
1 MILE	MSBS2YR	4 OakRidgeArthur	4	5	14 ^{oo}	3 ^{oo}	2	21	32 ¹ 2:08 ²	2.00	W.A. Canney
PURSE \$4397		2 RaceMeStraightA	2	1	1	2	3	37	33 ² 2:09 ³	11.30	K. Switzer
		6 NewenglandJustice	6	4 ^o	5	4	4	415	33 ³ 2:11 ¹	36.70	G. Corey
		3 SisterAnn	3	3	x3x	5	5	531	2:14 ²	13.50	A. Miles
		5 LindonsDeejay	5x	6x	6	x6	6	670	2:22 ¹	21.40	F. Parker
		7 FireballExpress	x7x	7x	7	7	7	790	2:26 ¹	50.80	D. Watson

RACE 6	TROT	5 Newengland-Nitro	5	1 ^o	1	1	1	13 ¹	31 ² 2:06	1.40	D.T. Sumner
1 MILE	MSBS3YR	1 WestRidgeGossip	x1	7 ^o	4 ^o	3	3	23 ¹	31 ³ 2:06 ³	*.90	R. Ireland
PURSE \$5324		7 LuceWire	7	4	2 ^o	2 ^o	2	37	32 ³ 2:07 ²	5.60	N. Reynolds
		6 ChuckysBack	6	5	6	6 ^o	6	418	33 ⁴ 2:09 ³	35.70	D. Watson
		2 AppleDelite	2	3	3	5	5	523	35 2:10 ³	22.90	D. Cyr
		8 SuperSammy	8	6	5 ^o	4 ^o	x4	625	35 ³ 2:11	48.90	M. Graffam
		3 Starfest	x3x	x8	7	7	7	738	36 ¹ 2:13 ³	33.90	D. Richards
		4 TheFaxMan	4	x2x	x8x	x8	8x	8dis	29.30	J. Beckwith	

RACE 9	TROT	8 RaceMeSmartyPant	7	4	4	1 ^o	1	14	32 2:08	1.80	K. Switzer
1 MILE	MSBS3YR	2 Ki'sFlyingAngel	2	1	1	2	2	24	32 ⁴ 2:08 ⁴	18.90	N. Reynolds
PURSE \$5324		1 CranmeadowRuby	1	3	2	3	3	313	34 2:10 ³	6.70	G. Corey
		7 KBHill	6x	7	6	4 ^o	4	417	33 ² 2:11 ²	10.20	D. Richards
		5 LittleMissGwen	4	x5x	7	7	7	577	31 ⁴ 2:12 ²	24.70	J. Beckwith
		3 MistyMorningCall	3x	6	5	6	6	633	36 ³ 2:14 ³	48.90	A. Miles
		6 McLightning	5	x2	3x ^o	5 ^{oo}	5x	733 ¹	36 ² 2:14 ³	*.80	L. Fitch
		4 Miss Tit Tat--Scratched									

RACE 13	TROT	5 UpsalaKestrel	5	3	3	3 ^o	1	13 ¹	31 ⁴ 2:06 ⁴	NB	P. Murchison
1 MILE	MSBS2YR	6 SpringStarlight	6	2 ^o	1	1	2	23 ¹	32 ⁴ 2:07 ²	NB	J. Beckwith
		1 Jim'sDelite	1	1	2	2	3	36	33 2:08	NB	G. MacKenzie Jr
		4 LindonsKeriKei	4x	6	6	5	5	464	41 ³ 2:19 ³	NB	F. Parker
		2 Cheri'sPrincess	2	4	4	4	4	564	2:19 ³	NB	J. Watson
		3 SweetSugarDaddy	3x	x5 ^o	5x ^o	6	6	680	2:22 ⁴	NB	W. Case Jr

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1994

RACE 13	PACE	6 SKHurricane	6	1 ^o	1	1	1	11	29 2:00 ⁴	NB	G. Mosher
1 MILE	MSBS3YRC&G1	1 SilverDollorBill	1	2	2	3	2	21	29 2:01	NB	P. Battis
		5 MyBillDerek	5	x5	4 ^o	2 ^o	3	34	29 ³ 2:01 ³	NB	K. Switzer
		3 LindonsRoweMeN	3	4	5	4 ^o	4	45 ¹	29 ³ 2:01 ⁴	NB	F. Parker
		4 LavishNight	4	3	3	5	5	563	29 ⁴ 2:02 ¹	NB	W. La Freniere Jr
		2 MyBenForwood	2x	6	6	6	6	639	2:08 ³	NB	C. Long

RACE 10	PACE	1 OfficialNotice	1	1	1	1	1	15	29 ¹ 2:00 ³	*1.20	W. La Freniere Jr
1 MILE	MSBS3YRC&G4	4 PineRiverPep	4	3	3	3	3	25	29 ⁴ 2:01 ³	2.20	J. Nason
PURSE \$4452		3 MyBillColumbus	3	2	2	2 ^o	2	37 ¹	30 ³ 2:02	2.20	S. Mancine
		5 KcErnie	5	5	4 ^o	4 ^o	4	48 ¹	30 ² 2:02 ¹	18.50	W. Watson
		6 RHeartAttack	6	6	6	5	5	59	30 ¹ 2:02 ²	11.30	P. Battis
		2 BetterNight	2	4	5	x6	x6	626	32 ² 2:05 ⁴	31.00	D. Richards

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TUESDAY	OCT. 4	AT FRYEBURG (FINAL)	\$3,000 ADDED
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NOMINATING FEE \$50

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EVENT #3

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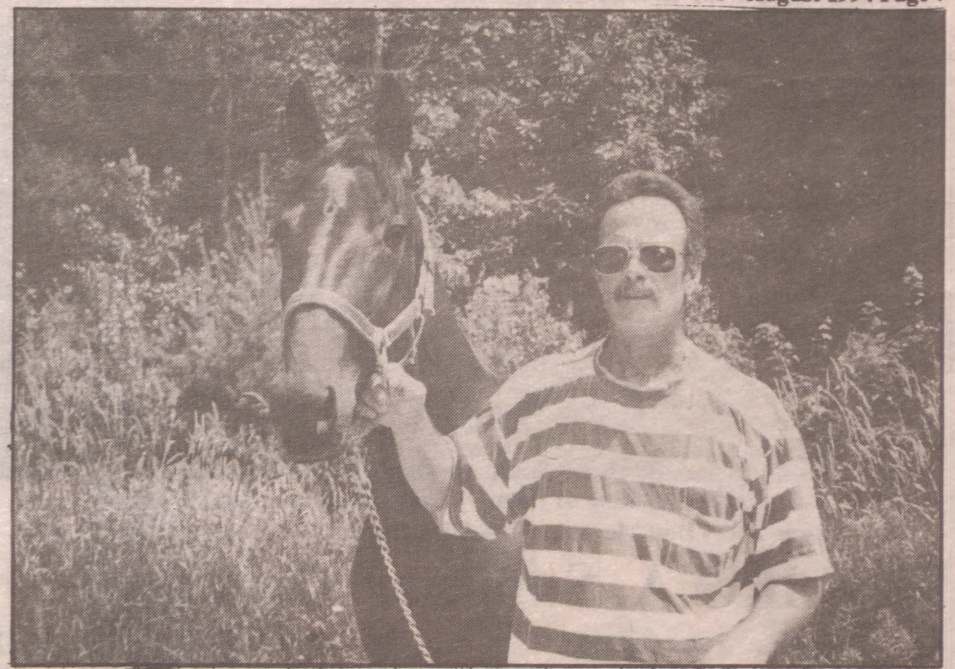
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Dana Childs Jr. and two year old filly, NOVIA HANOVER, who set a new track record of 1:58.1 in the Ingenue Pace at Foxboro Park for owner, Julie Anderson.

Record-Breaking Duo

BY JEAN EMERSON

On Wednesday, July 27th, in the sixth race at Scarborough Downs, the pacing filly Miss Beach Baby (Beach Towel-With Pleasure) owned by Mark Spear of Portland, Maine and piloted by Leigh Fitch, circled the mile oval in 2:00.4 establishing a new distaff record mile for talented juvenile trainer, Dana Childs Jr. This was her fourth consecutive win in five parimutuel starts!

In the very next race, carded as a \$5,120. Maine Breeders Stakes, Race Me Hot Shot (Maladys Atom-Golden Hitter) owned and trained by Dana Childs Sr., left from the rail, cut the mile and set another new track record of 2:00.1 for two year old colts. This was the speedy pacer's second consecutive win for driver, Kevin Switzer.

This father/son duo is having success this year utilizing the same product...standardbred horses...but operating from totally different ends of the spectrum.

Dana Jr. and his wife, Sandi, base at Scarborough Downs. In the fall they attend the major sales and purchase reasonably priced yearlings. He has had phenomenally good fortune with two and three year old fillies in the past few years. Recently he trucked the well-bred Novia Hanover, owned by Julie Anderson, to Foxboro where she set a two year old

pacing record of 1:58.1 at the Bay State oval. Land Rocket, another two year old by Land-slide, owned by Roger Dolan has a mark of 2:01.3 this season at Scarborough Downs and the Direct Scooter filly, Let's Go Carol, owned by Carol Corso, finished third at Foxboro in 2:00 recently. It seems that every year Dana Jr. does well with young stock, then consigns them back to the major sales the next year, making a good profit.

On the other hand, Dana Sr. and his wife Jean, own and operate Race Me Stable, located on East Bridge St. in Westbrook, Maine. He breeds, raises, trains and races his own stock, occasionally purchasing a yearling Maine-bred at the local sales. He has a sizeable barn, a number of paddocks and his own half mile track. Last year he was the leading money winner with horses in the Maine Breeders Stakes. This year he looks to be on a similar course. His other two year olds presently racing include; Race Me G-Man, who finished second this past week and Race Me Straight A a trotting colt, whose full sister, Race Me Smartly, just won in the three year old Maine Breeders trotting stakes at Scarborough Downs.

It appears that the old adage, "Do what you do best," rings true in this instance, as the Childs, father and son are living proof.



Dana Childs Sr. at Race Me Stables with two year old Maine-bred pacer, RACE ME HOT SHOT, who set a record of 2:00.1 at Scarborough Downs recently.



M.S.B.O.A. summer meeting at Country Crossroads in Standish, Maine (l to r) Toby Nason, Sec. - Don Marean, Dir. - Dick Hartley, Pres. - Phil Tarr, MHRC.

M.S.B.O.A. Summer Meeting

TOBY NASON, SECRETARY

The Maine Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association summer meeting and barbeque was held on Monday, July 25th at the Country Crossroads in Standish, Maine.

There were 68 members present for the 3:30 meeting, with many others arriving for the barbeque later. President, Dick Hartley, called upon Phil Tarr, MHRC Exec. Sec, who discussed recent Stakes issues; including use of the "black box", positive tests etc. He, in turn, called upon Henry Jackson, who gave a report on the condition of harness racing, estimating that the total handle will approximate \$60million this year....with the live handle in the \$16 to \$18million range.

It was proposed by Diane Perkins that we attempt an eight hour detention barn at Scarborough Downs for the two and three year old finals. A committee set up to put this into effect includes; Perkins, Don Marean, Bob Prudenzeno, Raymond Parker and Don Richards. It was recommended that money to set this up be taken from the finals, if necessary. Membership approval was unanimous.

In other business, Don Marean explained the functions and promotions handled by the new nine member MainePromotion Board, who include; Ken Ronco, Chairman, Kelly Bickmore, Asst.Chairman, David Kaler, Recorder, David Dunn, Don Marean, Kathryn Ralston, Fred Nichols and Richard Ross.

The Nutrena Feed representative, Theresa Brunette, was also introduced to the group by Don Marean. This company will sponsor the awards for the Breeders Stakes Finals.

In new business, Leroy Blood discussed the possibilities of starting a four year old stakes program, and asked for comments and recommendations from the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m., and a tasty barbeque was served by Richard Howard and Co. Following this the group was entertained by Gary Crocker, Maine humorist. Although the weather was unsettling (thunder and lightning, followed by a heavy downpour) it was hardly noticed at the great function hall, Country Crossroads.

We'll see you at the winter meeting.



Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes Executive Director, Henry Jackson and wife, Maureen, in attendance at the recent meeting and barbeque in Standish, Maine.

Maine Breeders Point Standings

Two Year Old Colt Pacers

Atom's Surprise	125	Rock On Elvis	21
Pine River Billy	125	Kokopelli	12
Race Me Hot Shot	125	Penny's Flash	12
Race Me G-Man	55	Racealong Silver	9
Mower's Malady	45	City Shoes	8
Abby's Boy	25	Lindon's Rock N Horse	6
R-Ace	25	Watapiti	6

Two Year Old Filly Pacers

Anita Horn	150	Flying Money	25
Sassy'N Proud	100	Lydia	21
Somerset Puppet	100	Jan's Tootsie	18
Mudder Rudder	58	Potato With An E	18
Gramps Lil Bridget	37	Skip The Dessert	6
R-Acheybreakyheart	36	Gaelic Irish	1
Cindibret	34	Tara's Morning Star	1

Two Year Old Trotters

Spring Starlight	125	Race Me Straight A	24
Upsala Kestrel	83	New England Justice	18
Jim's Delite	62	Lindons Keri Kei	16
Oak Ridge Arthur	62	Fireball Express	9
CM Cheval	50	Grandpa Payne	5
Sister Ann	42	Sweet Sugar Daddy	1

Three Year Old Colt Pacers

SK Hurricane	250	Lavish Night	37
Official Notice	149	Night Spirit	29
Pine River Pep	137	R Heart Attack	26
My Bill Derek	92	Better Night	23
Silver Dollar Bill	83	Mikey T	6
My Bill Columbus	81	Hide-A-Way Skip	5
KC Ernie	51	My Ben Forwood	2
Lindon's Row Me N	51	Regular Session	1

Three Year Old Filly Pacers

My Bill Cheryl	162	Come Along Velvet	28
My Bill Val	145	Rae-Sin Diane	21
Rondandy	133	Don't Tell Ed	18
My Speedy Lady	120	My Bill MB	17
Gracia	112	Boy's Toy	16
Jo's Luck	80	Jolo Jenny Lynn	16
Athena's Joy	52	Piddle Pill	13
KC's Lucky Charm	45	Hide-A-Way Lacey	10
Grammar Girl	29	Greensleeves	5

Three Year Old Trotters

Westridge Gossip	175	Starfest	41
New England-Nitro	155	Air Horn	38
Race Me Smartypant	117	K B Hill	38
Mc Lightning	100	Chucky's Back	34
Luce Wire	99	KL's Flying Angel	27
Miss Tit Tat	51	The Fax Man	14
Super Sammy	47	Little Miss Gwen	13
Cranmeadow Ruby	44	Misty Morning Call	11

• Breeders Stakes points thru July 31st compiled by Charles Mains

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Cindy Jerome, Bob & Jean Ferland, Kerry Parker, Linda Marean and Roland St. Pierre were on hand for the meeting.



Breeders include: Nancy Rogers, Alison Hynes, Gary & Rita Moore, Dennis & Marcia Corcoran, Gordon Corey and Domenic Watson.



Director & Mrs. Roy Blood, Alberta Emerson, Treas, Joan Susi, and Priscilla Cianchette enjoyed the evenings festivities.



From the Lewiston area: Lewis Gray, Dave & Dawn Cochere and Frank Withee



Tom & Peg Shehan, Roosevelt Susi and Bud Cianchette have been members of the Breeders group since its conception.



Fred & Carol Nichols, former Stakes co-ordinator Tom Webster and racing monarch Tom Shehan had an opportunity renew acquaintances.

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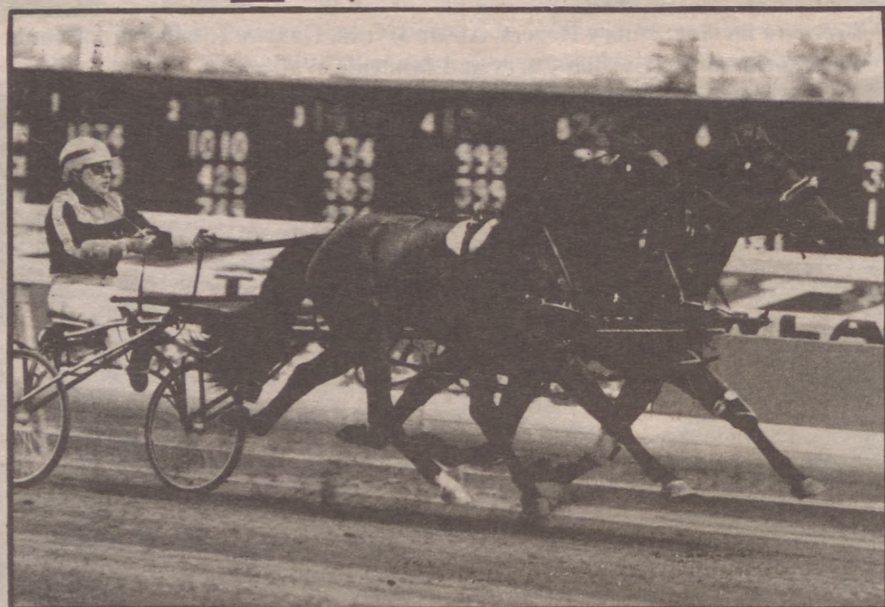
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Dam of: Mephistophles p.2, 2:02.2

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By Sticky Two Step

Out of Jenny Collins

Dam of: Footloosenfancyfre p.3, 1:59.3

• JOEY'S JOY br. g.

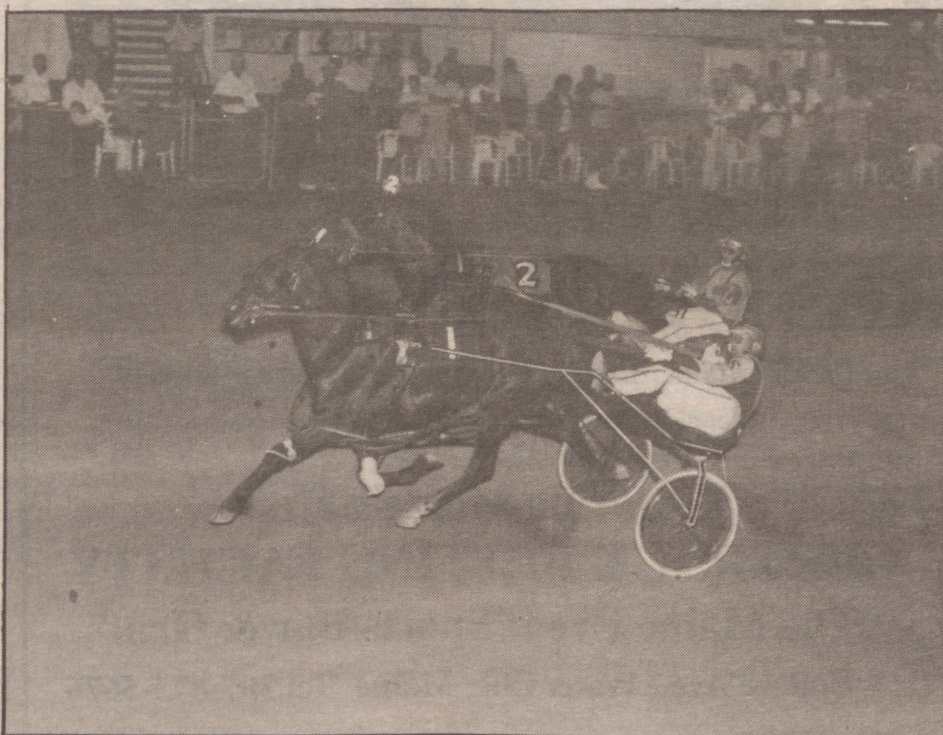
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Out of H.H.Lynne

Dam of: W.S.Bartlett p.2, 2:10.1

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RACE ME HOT SHOT and ATOM'S SURPRISE, two year old pacing colts, head for the wire, in the Maine Breeders Stakes conducted recently at Bangor Raceway.

Track Trivia

Question: What's the stats on a horse having two consecutive dead-heats?

On Tuesday, July 26th ATHENA'S JOY (Skipper Gene Marx-Our Dilly) owned by John W. & John H. Cox of Bangor, Maine and driven by Walter Case Jr. was in a dead heat for 2nd in an overnight event at Scarborough Downs. On Saturday, July 30th she returned in a Maine Breeders Stakes race for three year old fillies, driven by Valerie Grondin for another 2nd place dead-heat....now there's a tough competitor!

Bangor Raceway Wrap-Up

BY GARDINER PATTERSON

In anticipation of the final week wrap-up, Val in 2:03.1 owned by Alroy Chow, Brunswick, Me. and driven by Kevin Switzer. Lorryland Butler, driven by Gary Mosher, lived up to his credentials and broke the track record at historic Bangor Raceway, going the mile in 1:54.4 before a capacity crowd, Sunday afternoon, July 10th. The old record of 1:56 flat, made in 1993, was held by Armbr Fox. Other notable record holders at Bangor include; Dusty Hanover, John R. Braden, Margaret Dillon and Sir Roche.

Second in the \$5,500. Preferred Pace was Lindwood Cyclone owned by Corey and Toby Hight, Skowhegan, Me. driven by Donny Richards; Philip Down, owned by Warren B. Hallett of Hartland, N.B. driven by John Davidson was in the number three spot. There was a five horse field and Lorryland Butler was barred from the betting.

The Butler, a nine year old horse by Skip By Night, who is owned by Lawrence Kadish, Old Westbury, N.Y. has a lifetime mark of 1:50 on a mile track. He is currently racing at the Meadowlands.

In addition to the racing events the Harness Horse Youth Foundation held its annual Maine Standardbred Youth Camp Day at Bangor under the direction of Kelly Bickmore. This popular program hosted Big Brothers/Big Sisters as participants this year.

In other racing action, the Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes opened with fast fields of colts and fillies.

The first, a division of three year old fillies with a purse of \$5,220. was won by My Bill

Val in 2:03.1 owned by Alroy Chow, Brunswick, Me. and driven by Kevin Switzer. Second was Rondemdy owned by Elmer Johnson, Hudson, Me. and driven by John Nason. Rounding out the nine horse field and finishing third was My Bill Cheryl owned by Marilyn Branagan of Greene, Me. and driven by Sean Branagan.

The \$4,822 three year old colt division went once again to Ival "Bud" Cianchette's SK Hurricane, who is trained by Donny Richards and driven by Gary Mosher. In the place position was Lindon's Row Me N owned by Don and Linda Marean of Standish, Me. and driven by Freeman Parker. Third was R.Heart Attack owned by Roland St. Pierre of Rochester, N.H. and driven by Cindy Jerome.

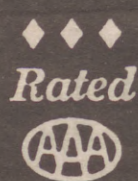
The purse in the second division of three year old pacing fillies was \$5,025. and Gracia, owned by Glaster & Rawcliffe and driven by Joey Mosher was the winner in 2:04.4. Second was Athena's Joy owned by John W. and John H. Cox. Third was Grammar Girl owned by Robert Crawford and Nancy Rogers.

The second division of three year old colts and geldings with a purse of \$4,822 saw the sharp Official Notice owned by Basil Kellis driven by Walter LaFreniere win in 2:00.2. Second was Alroy Chow's My Bill Derek and Pine River Pep, owned and driven by John Nason was third.

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AHC Working On Federal Legislation To Ensure The Humane Treatment Of Horses Transported For Slaughter.

The American Horse Council has been working on the introduction of federal legislation that would ensure the humane treatment of horses and other equines commercially transported to slaughter facilities. This would address the abuse suffered by some horses in transit to these facilities.

The AHC bill has the following major provisions:

- It will apply only to horses being transported to slaughter facilities, not to horse transportation practices generally.
- It will establish the maximum number of hours a horse can be transported before it must be fed, watered and rested off the vehicle.
- It will require that only vehicles with adequate headroom and space, smooth interior surfaces, and non-skid floors and proper ventilation may be used in the movement of these animals.
- It will prohibit the shipment of horses

with broken limbs or injuries that put them in imminent danger of death.

The bill designates the U.S. Department of Agriculture as the agency responsible for specific regulations regarding the shipping of horses for slaughter. The USDA would also be responsible for enforcing the legislation.

According to the Food Safety & Inspection Service statistics, 184,320 horses were slaughtered last year in the United States. This figure represents a 37% decrease from the number of horses processed in 1992. Currently there are nine equine slaughter facilities operation in the United States. Most horsement produced at these facilities is exported to Europe and Japan.

There are presently no federal requirements regulating the transport of these horses. Since this is an interstate activity, a federal law is necessary to ensure national protections.

Contact: Lisa Kovner at 202-296-4031

Foxboro Update

BY STAN GUTKOWSKI

Like the original reports about Mark Twain's death, the rumors of a Foxboro demise are greatly exaggerated. Provoking the speculation and fueling the suppositions is the furor created by the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission's insistence that it will not honor its original agreement to share revenues from the "Racing Action" scratch ticket, dedicated to horsemen's purse accounts at all of the state racetracks.

A percentage of revenues from ticket sales, projected at \$80 million, created by enabling legislation in 1992, were earmarked for the purse accounts of the Bay State's four raceways. In a surprise move earlier this year, Massachusetts State Treasurer, Joe Malone, led a campaign to have the legislature overturn the original legislation. The lawmakers, after a prolonged battle, did just that, a move that has horsemen concerned.

Despite the action on the part of the treasurer and the legislature, Foxboro Park general manager, Gary Pionkowski, said it would have little effect upon racing at the resuscitated harness track.

"We put together the "Summer Sizzler" program in anticipation of not getting the funds," he said. "Though we are scaling back the program a few weeks before we intended to, we will still race until November 15th." (The scheduled closing date.)

"Of course, it (holding back of the dedicated revenues) hurts," he continued, "but not only are we still here, we will be here with or without the money. What hurts more is that those people (the horsemen) were finally going to get their just due (additional monies for the purse account) after twenty years of being hammered by the Lottery. That's the unfair part of it all."

New England Harness Horsemen's Association (NEHHA) president, Lou Guiliano, was less complimentary in his assessment of

the situation.

"The ticket (Racing Action) was done through meetings with both Malone and the Lottery Commission," he states. "Now he (Malone) decides, because of political expediency, that it is a travesty, so he cancels his support and has the law redone. By doing that, he interfered with a contractual relationship between the horsemen and the state, and is subject to a lawsuit."

The president also indicated that there is a question as to whether Malone might be subject to engaging in mail fraud, as one of the other aspects of the tickets was to allow purchasers the right to mail losing tickets to the Lottery Commission for prize drawings. Since the drawings will not be held, as advertised, there is speculation that a class-action lawsuit both against Malone and the Lottery might be in the offing.

"Malone is a guy with a size 32 shoe, stepping on little people," said Guiliano. "The man is an amnesia victim, if he claims he does not remember endorsing the scratch ticket. After all, his signature is on the back of every one of them. That's kind of hard to forget, you would think."

Massachusetts horsemen's groups...the New England Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (representing the thoroughbred interests) and the NEHHA, plus the Massachusetts Breeders... have joined forces and sent both the Lottery Commission and the State Treasurer a demand letter. If the response is either negative or produces no response, the groups indicated that they will file suit as soon as possible to seek redress for both the dedicated revenues and any damages resulting from their claim.

Through it all, Foxboro will continue to race, though scaling back its purse structure in the near future to levels approximating those at the beginning of the session.



Joe Hartmann, Asst. Gen. Mgr. & Dir. of Communications and Gary Pionkowski, Gen. Mgr., and Vice Pres. of Foxboro Park, welcome driver, Wally Hennessey.



Harness Profile: Gary Mosher

BY BOB LOWELL

Gary Mosher has returned to Maine and has opened a public training stable. Shifting his base of operation from the bright lights of metropolitan New York to the serenity of bucolic Maine, Mosher recently told the Northeast Harness News, "I've had enough."

The highly talented Mosher, who has combined catch-driving with training a stable, hopes to focus on two and three year olds for the Maine Breeders Stakes. Currently, he's working three head at Skowhegan.

The thirty-four Mosher began his harness career assisting his grandfather, Merle Mosher. He started driving in 1977 in his home state, but in 1984 he made his move to Monticello, New York, and the following season he moved right up to the tough big city circuit of Roosevelt and Yonkers.

In his first year on the Big Apple, he won 253 races and over \$2 million in purses. In the past decade Mosher has been earning in excess of \$1 million in purses annually.

In 1985, he drew attention when he won five races in one night at Yonkers. Mosher states, "Winning six races at Monticello was a big thrill, but five winners at Yonkers was an even bigger one." He adds, "Doing it on a Saturday night, when all the top horses are racing, makes it an even better."

In those ten years he drove some of the greatest horses on the circuit. In the On The Road Again Pace at Yonkers, Mosher piloted Lorryland Butler to a 1:52.3 victory, which equalled Jake And Elwood's world record for

aged horses on a half mile track.

In 1990, Mosher dominated the George Morton Levy Series, winning six divisions. He guided the fabulous Dorunrun Bluegrass to four victories. That horse was the best aged pacer in the country and that's a testimony as to the respect that Mosher commanded.

Mosher successfully drove a host of top talent. There was the world champion trotter, Manfred Hanover, with whom Mosher won several classics. He won two divisions of the Levy with Chatham Light in 1990, The North American Series in 1988 with Sticky Two Step, The Chapman Series with Deli Jewel and the Peter Haughton with Raging Glory.

Maine owners have been quick to utilize Mosher's talents. Currently, he's handling the reins of the state's top three year old colt, S.K.Hurricane, owned by Bud Cianchette and trained by Don Richards.

Mosher gets high marks from owner, trainer, driver, Dominic Watson, who points out that Mosher is "accomodating" which is an important attribute.

A quality individual, Mosher is relinquishing the personal glory as a "Big Apple" driver in deference to his duties as a young family man. He and his wife, Michelle, have two children and they are living in Oakland, Maine after moving from Westbury, Long Island.

Here in the Northeast, we welcome Gary Mosher and his family back home. In his new endeavors, we wish him continued success.

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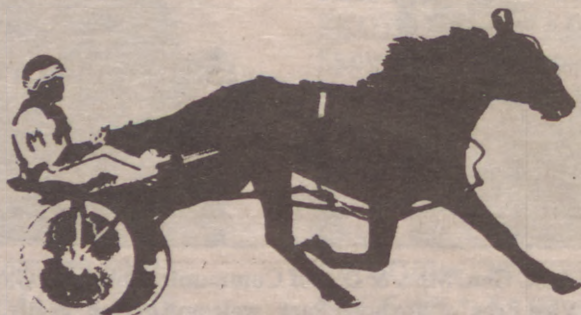
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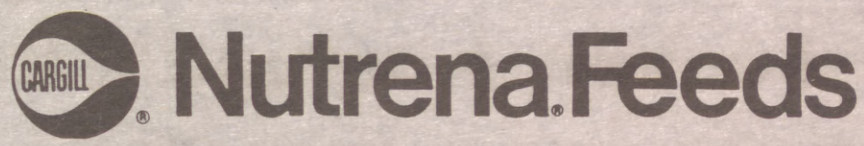
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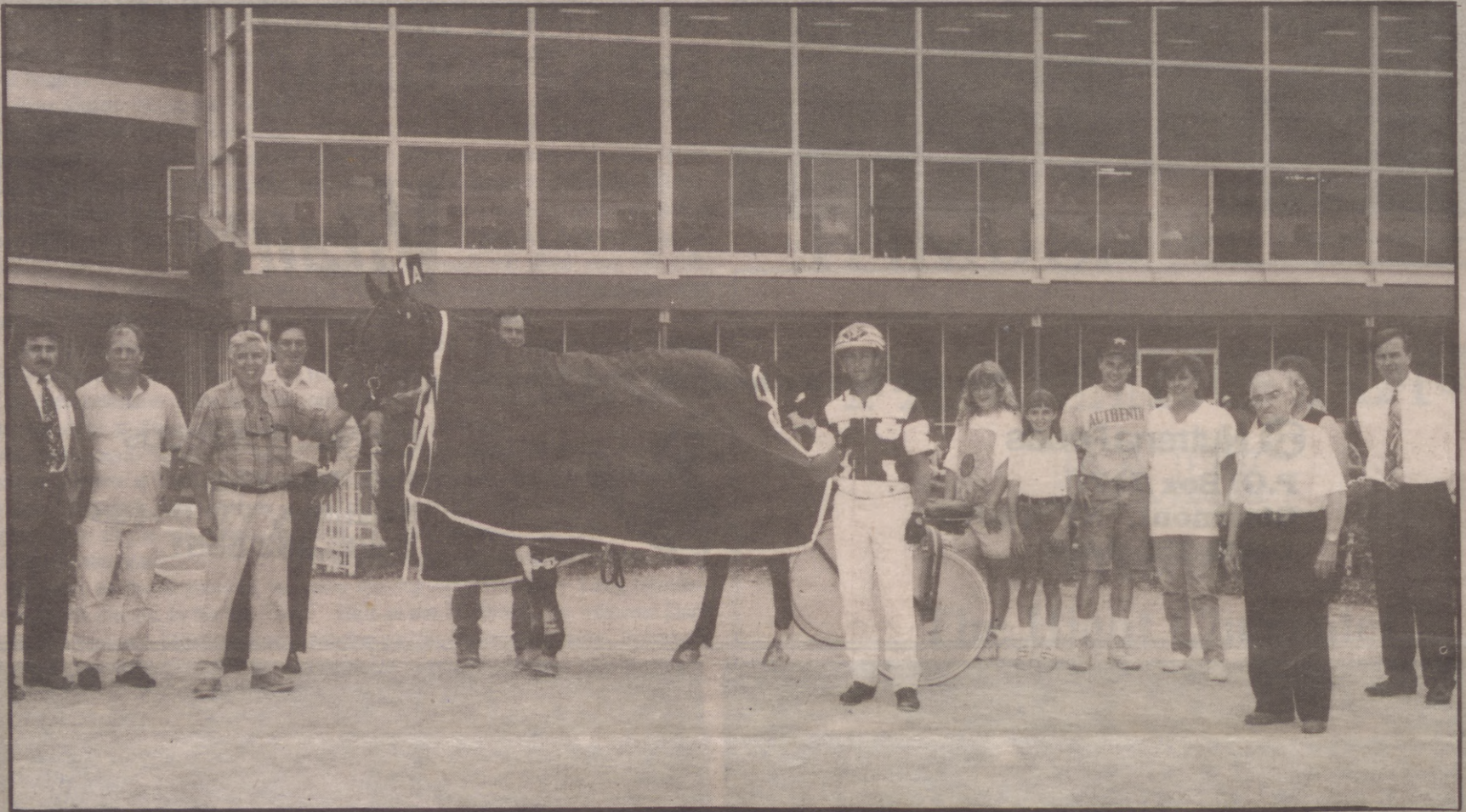
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